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PRIMARY ALCOHOLS TO MAKE CARBOXYLIC ACID

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 139 to 168 as follows:

139. (new) A process for making N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine or a salt thereof from a monoethanolamine substrate, the process comprising:

contacting an alkaline mixture comprising monoethanolamine with a dehydrogenation catalyst to form glycine or a salt thereof; and

converting said glycine or said glycine salt to N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine or a salt thereof, wherein

said dehydrogenation catalyst comprises a copper-containing active phase at the surface thereof and a supporting structure that is resistant to deformation under the conditions of the dehydrogenation reaction.

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